

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KOJI FUKUNAGA et al. ) : Examiner: A. Elamin  
Application No.: 09/025,133 ) : Group Art Unit: 2116  
Filed: February 17, 1998 ) : Confirmation No.: 9220  
For: DATA TRANSMISSION )  
APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND )  
METHOD, AND IMAGE )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS : December 29, 2006

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed December 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 5,689,244, which is believed to be an English-language counterpart to JP 8-70486 (which was cited in the December 19th IDS). The U.S. patent is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, but no copy of the U.S. patent document is attached, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

This document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated December 1, 2006, was previously submitted.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition, the Form PTO-1449 that was submitted with the December 19th IDS erroneously listed JP 8-70486 as JP "7-70496". The Form PTO-1449 which accompanies this IDS correctly lists both the U.S. and Japanese documents.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Expedited treatment of is again respectfully requested, as the issue fee in this case is due February 14, 2007.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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